

Department Description

The City Attorney is the chief legal officer of the City and is responsible for the proper administration of its legal affairs. He, or his designated assistants, have the following functions and duties:

- (1) Prosecute all charges of violation of municipal ordinances and regulations in the courts or administrative tribunals and prosecute and defend, or supervise the prosecution and defense, of all actions and appeals involving the City in all courts and before all boards, commissions, and administrative agencies.
- (2) Attend all Council meetings, unless specifically excused therefrom.
- (3) Furnish legal advice, counsel and assistance to the Mayor, Council, and all other City officers, boards, commissions, and agencies in relation to their duties and the business of the City.
- (4) Control and direct all legal services performed by special counsel for the City, who may be retained from time to time to assist the City Attorney in providing legal services for the City; provided, however, that the City Attorney shall not be responsible in any way for counsel who (a) has not been specifically retained by the City Attorney; (b) is not paid from funds controlled by the City Attorney; and (c) is not under the actual direction of the City Attorney's Office.
- (5) Assume direction of assistants and the employees of the office, subject to the limitations and requirements of the budget, appropriations, and applicable statute and ordinances.
- (6) Prepare or review all proposed ordinances and resolutions presented to the Mayor or City Council.
- (7) Approve the form of all contracts entered into by the municipality.
- (8) Prepare the necessary affidavits and verification on behalf of the City in any and all proceedings.

Department Mission

It is the objective of the City Attorney's office to serve Sandy City through the practice of law according to the highest professional standards.